



The HUB

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HUB Happenings

A newsletter for our Families & Friends

August

SECOND YEAR OFF to a GREAT START!

On a clear and seasonally warm August day, The HUB Houston began its second year of serving our Student Members! Our enrollment is up from our first year, reaffirming that our organization is filling a need in our community and that everyone should be Heard, Understood, and Believed In. Additionally, we were fortunate to add Faculty members, Alison Marshall, Wendy Richards, and Shannon Bryant to increase our capacity of serving individuals with neurological differences. Please check us out on Facebook to see photos from our humble beginnings up to our most recently posted activities!

September



Thanks to Many, a Very Successful Kendra Scott Event

On Thursday, September 8th, Kendra Scott, City Centre, hosted a fundraising event benefitting The HUB. During the hours of 6-8pm, shoppers' purchases earned 20% for The HUB. Our supporters were so enthusiastic that the manager extended the charitable hours to 8:30pm! Our tally of \$1,347 was outstanding. The funds are being used to secure transportation for our Hubsters as they visit Camp for All this month. Special thanks to Adrienne Thorp and Karen Barnhart for bringing this opportunity to our attention! And to Kendra Scott and her employees for making the evening special.

PARSONS DANCE AUTISM-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE



On Friday, September 23rd, the SPA Houston presented Parsons Dance Group in an autism-friendly performance at Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. Together in partnership with The HUB Houston, this one-hour performance featured four pieces by choreographer David Parsons. Over 200 students from across the Houston area and surrounding communities attended this first-for-Houston Parsons event. Support for this exciting matinee performance was provided by The HUB Houston and Texas Commission on the Arts. This was an incredible opportunity for The HUB Faculty to share their expertise of individuals with neurological differences with the SPA and to help make this event seamless and enjoyable for all in attendance!

October

Our Very Own Classroom Champ!



Kroger and Houston Dynamo are recognizing and rewarding outstanding educators in Houston for the second year in a row. Our very own Coach Russo was selected from hundreds of nominees as one of the top 5 educators in Houston! She will be honored at a media event on October 5th and recognized before the game on Sunday, October 16th. Over 75 Hubsters will be in attendance at the game in support of Coach! Congratulations, Coach Russo, for this well-deserved and exciting honor!

YMCA - Brenda & John Duncan Family and The HUB Join Forces



Thanks to the hard work of Adrienne Thorp and Member Student Seth P., we have a new partnership with the Duncan Family YMCA on Clay Road! Member Students and Faculty will be using the YMCA facilities for physical activity, social space and volunteering. Ms. Adrienne (president of the Foster YMCA Board) and Seth P. presented a compelling case to the Duncan Y Board to have a relationship with The HUB. They were successful in their efforts and beginning October 1st, The HUB Student Members and Faculty had use of the facility on M-W-F without a fee. The Y is supporting our Member Students through their own fundraising and operations of the facility. And, in gratitude for this generous gift, The HUB will be assisting the Y with their volunteer opportunities. Kudos to Ms. Adrienne and Seth P. for making this exciting partnership become a reality!!

Student Member Life

HUB Entrepreneurs on the Move

The HUB members participated in two bazaars in September and October. We showcased handmade jewelry, handcrafted birdhouses, lures, Suminagashi paintings, ingots, fall wreaths, and wall hangings. If the Student Member's art sold, they received the revenue minus the cost of the materials used. Members are exploring production, marketing, inventory control, pricing, accounting, and sales. On September 30th, the Student Members received their first paycheck from The HUB! Keep an eye out for our entrepreneurs as we plan to explore other events in the coming months.



Hubsters with Mr. Ken at John Knox Bazaar



Entrepreneurs at Clay Road Baptist Bazaar